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Ed Smith
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Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Dear MT Supreme Court,

This is sheer lunacy for the court, and the ABA in Montana, to consider disbaring a currently licensed lawyer from expressing their opinion that marriage should be between a man and a woman. Why should a lawyer not have this right, yet a common citizen be able to express it, and be covered by the First Amendment. To me, this sounds like an abridgment of their rights, since they are citizens too.

Since our nation was founded, and our state, our society has always considered marriage between a man and woman, and only in recent years has it become 'fashionable' for people to think otherwise. This idiocy has to stop, and it starts with precedents set by you as our final say in law.

Do not let attorneys be disbarred for holding a tenet of human understanding that is almost as old as recorded time. For you to allow it makes you just as culpable in our demise in natural human behaviors.

Michael Banville

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

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